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NVD TARGET SEUL.

1. According to Source I, NVD Luisenstrasse is currently showing acute interest in Hauptmann der Reserve SEUL, whom they are very anxious to apprehend for his part in the German war effort. SEUL spent five years in Russia before the war, speaks excellent Russian, and during the war was in charge of Abwehr prisoner of war affairs, being personally in charge of three PW camps in the Berlin area, where the prisoners were mostly Russians.

2. Source II supplied us with fuller information regarding SEUL in November 1945, on the basis of which Subject was arrested by CIG Berlin and held locally.

a. According to Source II, SEUL, an engineer in civilian life, but an active Abwehr officer of many years' standing, was first assigned during the war to the ~~Abwehrnachrichtendienststelle~~ Berlin, which was alternately attached to the OKW and the Abwehr in Berlin. The mission of this agency was the evaluation and distribution to proper bureaus of captured enemy documents.

b. Circa 1941-42, Subject belonged to the ~~Abwehrnachrichtendienststelle~~ Berlin, (document processing, etc) and was ~~personally~~ stationed in Moscow.

c. From about 1942-43 to the end of the war, Subject was assigned to the office of ~~Abwehrnachrichtendienststelle~~ Berlin, and was in charge of III Kgr.

d. During the Russian occupation of Berlin, SEUL worked for the Russians (without their knowing his war background) in the restoration of public utilities in Lichterfelde, and when the Americans took over that sector, was employed by the Americans as a 'supervisor'--i.e., foreman and interpreter for a group of some 200 German laborers working for the Americans.

3. Source II's reporting of the information contained above, in paragraph 2, led to SEUL's arrest, but Source I reports that he is now at liberty, living at Berlin-Schlachtensee, Darfflingerstrasse 6.

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4. SEUL is termed very clever and shrewd by Source II. Source I calls him the "hochstapler" or swindler type.

COMMENT:

A new quadripartite agreement, put into effect on 10 September, determines that there will be no more internal arrests, except in cases where the party wanting to make the arrest clears the matter in advance with the officials of the zone in which the arrestee lives, an agreement which applies to the four occupation zones as well as the sectors of Berlin.

Our attitude in L'affaire SEUL (whom we are not interested in turning over to the Russians, but for whom we are not prepared to take special security measures) will be one of waiting for developments of how the Russians, determined to apprehend SEUL, will do it in the face of this new agreement.

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